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Re: Patent Application based on

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Applicant: Daniel R. Solli

entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

POLARIZATION CONTROL WITH PHOTONIC CRYSTALS

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, the undersigned hereby certifies that the following is being deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, as addressed above, and requests that the above-entitled patent application be accorded a filing date of January 28, 2004. The "Express Mail" mailing number is EL 828486301 US. The items transmitted herewith include:

- 1. Patent specification (40 pages) with 15 claims and abstract;
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- 3. Sixteen sheets of drawings; and
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